



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Corn Harvest Ahead of Average

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 3, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	92	78	94	85
Corn Harvested	43	25	0	28
Cotton Squaring	96	94	100	100
Cotton Setting Bolls	82	77	95	96
Cotton Bolls Opening	30	18	60	44
Peanuts Pegged	94	90	95	96
Soybeans Setting Pods	86	75	85	89
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	11	5	36	34

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	11	15	36	35	3
Cotton	8	22	37	30	3
Peanuts	9	20	38	29	4
Soybeans	6	18	32	41	3
Livestock	3	13	33	50	1
Pasture & Range	14	27	37	22	0

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.7	12	36	36	16
District 20	6.6	43	31	6	20
District 30	6.1	18	68	14	0
District 40	5.6	23	49	22	6
District 50	6.0	18	19	60	3
District 60	6.8	54	31	14	1
State: Current Week	6.3	30	36	25	9
State: Previous	6.5	24	40	35	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Doyle Dutton, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED), said Tropical Storm Lee brought rain and wind to much of Lawrence County, but the extent of crop

damage from flooding and wind is not yet known. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said Jackson County received 8" – 11" of rain.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Thomas D. Atkinson, FSA CED Madison County, said rain 7 – 10 days ago would have helped finish the cotton and soybean crops; however, rain at any time is desperately needed. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said the rain should help the late soybean crop in Marion and Winston Counties. Mann said crops in the Jackson County flood plains will suffer significant losses, plus the rain is probably too late to help most of the cotton and soybean crops. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, said at this point rainfall will not help most of the cotton in central Alabama. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said the hot, dry conditions over Elmore, Montgomery, Tallapoosa, and Coosa Counties during the past four weeks have hurt the cotton, soybean, and peanut crops; corn harvested has been reported with low yields. Alfred K. Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said corn and soybeans are being harvested, but delays are expected as rain enters the area. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, said early planted cotton in Monroe County is fairly good, but late planted cotton is questionable and will need rainfall plus a late frost. McDonald noted the average yield for corn in Monroe County was approximately 36 bushels to the acre, while soybean producers said if they do not receive rain in the next week, the crop will be a loss. Forrester said peanuts in Dale County have set most of their pods and are in the mature state; however, the lack of moisture delayed maturation and caused mostly pops in the peanut crop. Forrester said most of the Dale County cotton crop has set squares, but some plants have few bolls and are beginning to open near the ground, which will cause harvesting problems, while corn, except for the few fields that were irrigated, has been a loss. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said Henry County remains dry and presents little hope for a decent crop yield.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone said rain received in Marion and Winston Counties over the weekend should allow pastures to grow before winter begins. Mann said the rain will help pastures and hay ground in Jackson County. Jack Tatum, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Regional Extension Agent (REA), said pasture usage in the western half of District 30 is done for the year; however, producers are in desperate need of rain to plant winter grazing. Smith said pasture conditions are so bad that cattle producers are feeding hay. Jackson said pastures continue to be dry in the Blackbelt. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said 5" – 8" of rain was received over the western half of District 40, which should allow producers to harvest an additional hay cutting. McDonald said pastures and livestock in Monroe County are in poor condition from a lack of rain, with pastures continuing to deteriorate, fewer calves being born, and producers in extreme need of hay to feed livestock. Forrester said pastures have turned brown in Dale County, causing a grazing shortage. Jeff Knotts, FSA CED, said crop and forage conditions in Bullock and Pike Counties have worsened this past week because of the continued hot, dry weather.

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	80.9	0.28
Atmore	Atmore	AL	80.1	2.98
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	83.3	1.27
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	83.8	0.86
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	80.3	2.5
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	79.0	1.27
Clayton	Clayton	AL	81.3	1.21
Coden	Coden	AL	79.1	11.44
Dauphin Island	Dauphin Island	AL	82.5	7.07
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	81.3	2.07
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	79.4	0.35
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	80.6	0.00
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	81.0	0.52
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	80.0	10.52
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	82.8	0.44
Moulton 2	Moulton	AL	77.6	2.64
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	81.0	2.66
Opelika	Opelika	AL	76.8	1.25
Pinson	Pinson	AL	79.9	0.00
Robertsdale	Robertsdale	AL	80.3	10.45
Selma	Selma	AL	82.6	0.83
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	80.6	1.33
Valley Head	Valley Head	AL	76.6	2.13

U.S. Drought Monitor, August 30, 2011

National Weather Service
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	20.03	79.97	61.33	46.73	23.29	0.00
Last Week (08/23/2011 map)	30.55	69.45	55.97	36.52	4.50	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/31/2011 map)	33.25	66.75	43.51	34.26	13.15	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	3.64	96.36	66.34	25.17	4.40	0.00
One Year Ago (08/24/2010 map)	47.65	52.35	17.59	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

